

Appl. No. 10/719,258
Atty. Docket No. 9433
Amtd. dated 16 March 16, 2006
Reply to Office Action of December 16, 2005
Customer No. 27752

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A tampon for feminine hygiene comprising an insertion end, a withdrawal end, a longitudinal axis, and an outer surface; said tampon being comprised of compressed fibrous material; wherein said outer surface of said tampon comprises a plurality of raised portions; each of said raised portions comprising a first width dimension x , a first width dimension x^1 and a second width dimension y , and a second width dimension y^1 ; wherein the insertion end comprises the first width dimension x and a second width dimension y and the withdrawal end comprises a first width dimension x^1 and a second width dimension y^1 ; and wherein said first width dimension x is greater than said second width dimension y .

Claim 2. (Withdrawn) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said insertion end comprises said first width dimension x .

Claim 3. (Withdrawn) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said insertion end comprises said second width dimension y .

Claim 4. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said raised portions are arranged in a pattern.

Claim 5. (Withdrawn) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said raised portions are parallel with said longitudinal axis.

Claim 6. (Withdrawn) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said raised portions are spirally shaped.

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Claim 7. (Withdrawn) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein the fibrous material of said tampon has an essentially uniform density over a cross-section of the tampon.

Claim 8. (Withdrawn) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein the fibrous material of said tampon has varying density over a cross-section of the tampon.

Claim 9. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said tampon further comprises a core which is highly compressed.

Claim 10. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said withdrawal end further comprises a withdrawal member.

Claim 11. (Original) The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said withdrawal end further comprises a finger indent.